

# Thurston County Comprehensive Plan Update

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THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Today's Briefing

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- Scope of Work
- Required & Optional Updates
- Timeline
- Next Steps



# Background

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Thurston County plans under the Growth Management Act guided by the following goals:

1. Concentrate urban growth
2. Reduce sprawl
3. Transportation
4. Affordable housing
5. Economic development
6. Property rights
7. Predictable permitting
8. Natural resource industries
9. Open space and recreation
10. Environmental protection
11. Citizen participation and coordination
12. Public facilities and services
13. Historic preservation
14. Shoreline management

# Background

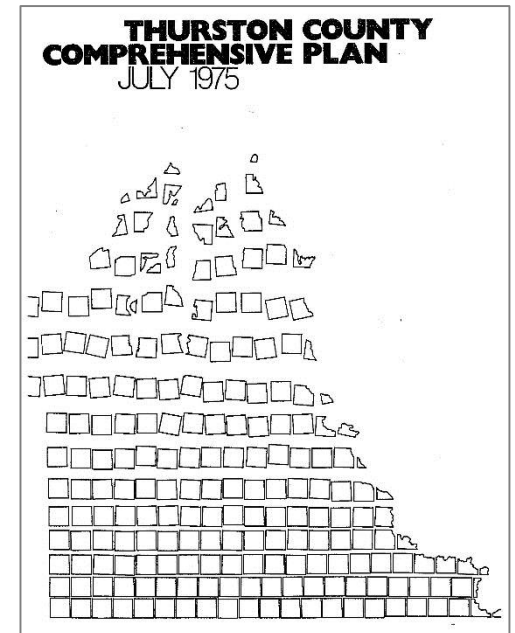
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County is required to conduct a periodic review

- Update population and employment forecast data
- Reflect changes in state law
- Incorporate other needed changes

Last Update: 2005

Update Due: June 2016



# Background

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## Thurston County Comprehensive Plan Chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Land Use
3. Natural Resource Lands
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Capital Facilities
7. Utilities
8. Economic Development
9. Archeological and Historic Resources
10. Health and Human Health
11. Amendments

# Scope of Work

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BoCC has directed staff to conduct a limited review.

- Focus on required updates
- Capitalize on ongoing regional work to do some optional updates (*to be determined*)
- Establish performance measures for goals
- Consider environmental costs and impacts
- Communicate broadly

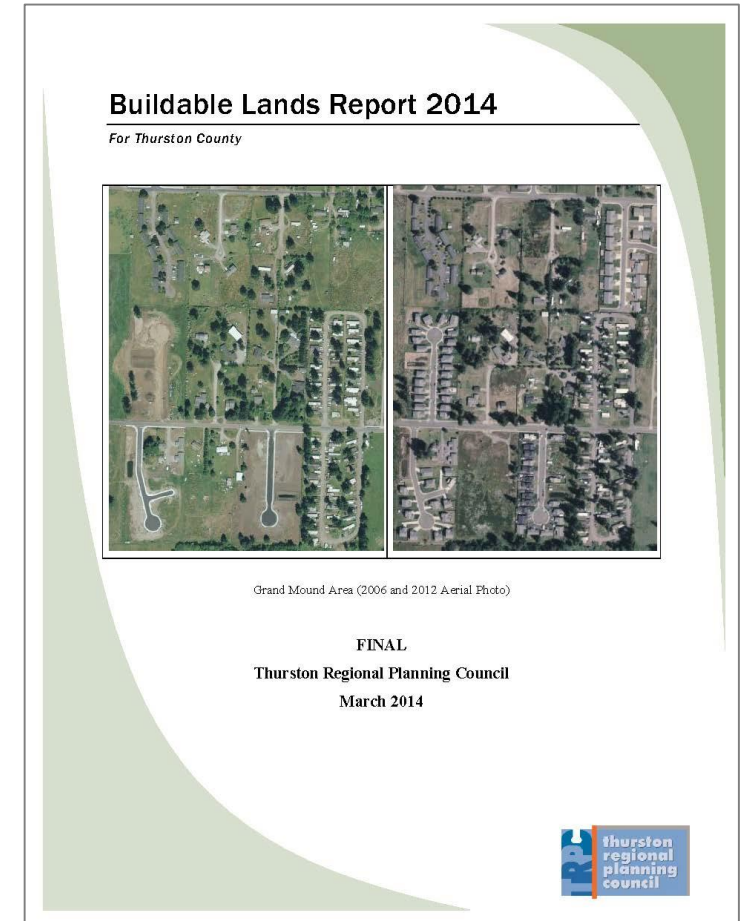


# Scope of Work

## Required Updates

- Population projections and data
- Goals, policies, and objectives throughout
- Policies and zoning adjacent to JBLM
- Map of designated mineral lands
- Accessory dwelling units
- Transportation chapter\*
- Variety of rural densities
- Joint Plans

*NOTE: Substantial updates to the land use element and zoning will wait for completion of the HCP.*



# Scope of Work

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## Optional Review – to be determined by the BoCC

- Update Economic Development chapter
- Update Health chapter
- Add Institutional zone
- Update designations for Long Term Forestry
- Update designations for Long Term Agriculture
- Update Archeological and Historic Resources Element
- Substantial updates to subarea plans
- Other





# Scope of Work

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## Public Participation

- GMA requires “early and continuous” public participation
- Level of outreach effort = level of update



# Next Steps

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## Based on Board Feedback

- Revised Scope of Work
- Budget request for 2017/2018
- Public Participation Plan
- Review by Planning Commission
  - Bulk of work to begin in Spring 2017

# Next Steps

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- What information does PC need to inform its work?
- What areas should staff focus on in our review?
- Thoughts about public participation and engagement?

# Questions?

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